



Tips on Studying Abroad at Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires in Argentina

Want to know what it's like to study abroad? Want to know what your peers think? Your fellow Georgia Tech students who have previously gone on this exchange program gave their opinions so that future participants have the inside scoop on their host institution and host country.

Classes

- Classes in English had 10 exchange students. Those in Spanish had 30-50 students.
- Professors are very qualified but have much different teaching styles.
- Be prepared if you're going to take courses in Spanish.
- Test format is different than US style so it's challenging.
- Courses are as hard as those at GT.
- Classes are 3 hours long, with some tests given on Saturdays.
- No homework is given.
- The language class in July is very helpful.
- Grading scale is similar to that used in Europe.



Housing

- Housing is in the center of the city near nightlife and public transportation.
- Everyone has one roommate and they are assigned randomly.
- Facilities are small but extremely affordable.

Lifestyle

- Learn how to use the ITBA website
- It's easy to meet students from different backgrounds in the Residencia (if you try to)
- Recommended hot spot: Post Bar

Transportation & Travel

- Student Universe is good for buying your plane ticket. You should budget about 1000 USD for it.
- Public transportation is excellent
- Taxis are cheap
- Budget about 400 USD for each regional weekend trip
- In order to visit Brazil or Chile, you need a visa (~100 USD)
- Definitely visit Iguazu Falls and Recoleta Cemetery



Finances

- 3000 USD is an estimation of how much you'll spend
- A night outing is ~25 USD, a fancy meal is ~20 USD
- Everything is paid for with cash, but watch out for counterfeit bills from ATMs
- Watch your spending—it's easy to spend a lot because it's so affordable.



Communication

- Cell phones can easily be obtained.
- Text messaging is more affordable
- Internet cafes are abundant and affordable (~40 Argentine cents per hour)
- Internet is available in the Residencia



Food

- Kitchens are available in the Residencia, but there are not a lot of utensils and eating out is very affordable.
- The on-campus food is not very good.

Participant Profiles

Please see information of contributing students below. If a blog or website is listed, feel free to take a look! Also, if an e-mail address is listed, you may contact that student if you have any questions about their study abroad experience.

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Packing

- Take a laptop and power adaptor
- Take a light jacket for August and September

Cultural Differences

- Be prepared to answer political questions (if you're American)



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